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FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION DESIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO ANY INFORMATION BEARING ON POSSIBILITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF A CONSPIRACY IN THIS MATTER. DEPARTMENT DESIRES THAT INTERVIEW BE CONDUCTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME IN AN EFFORT TO ELICIT ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUCH CONSPIRACY.

YOU SHOULD CONTACT DISTRICT ATTORNEY PHIL CANALE TO DETERMINE WHETHER CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD PERMIT INTERVIEW WITH JAMES EARL RAY AT THIS TIME. ALSO CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE WITH PERCY FOREMAN, THE ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTED RAY, TO INSURE THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO RAY'S BEING CONTACTED BY FBI TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT RAY WILL FURNISH ANY POSSIBLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

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HANDLE AND SUTEL BUT DO NOT MAKE ACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW WITHOUT SPECIFIC BUREAU AUTHORITY. THIS WILL CONFIRM BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL ON MARCH ELEVEN.